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Sent: Wed 7/13/2016 8:16:35 PM
Subject: RE: UST Program Updates for JULY RIWG MEETING

Hi Sherry,

Your write-up is very good. The only thing to keep in mind is you will probably only have 3 – 5 minutes to talk and I'm not sure you'll be able to cover everything in your notes below in that timeframe.

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Is this satisfactory?

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Allen,

I intend to talk about UST Prevention program (UST inspections and enforcement) and LUST cleanup activities in general and then some challenges.

UST Prevention

- 1) Region 5 has 177 active petroleum UST facilities in Indian Country (448 underground storage tanks)
- 2) 32 tribes have regulated USTs. Several tribes have one or two facilities and five have 10 or more facilities.
- 3) The tribes that have 10 or more facilities (Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Oneida, Red Lake, Saginaw Chippewa and White Earth) represent two-thirds of the UST universe in Indian Country.
- 4) We are required to inspect USTs every three years according to the Energy Policy Act. USEPA has direct implementation responsibilities in Indian Country. We or our agent (federally credentialed tribal inspectors) conduct these inspections (not the state)
- 5) Region 5 invests in developing tribal capacity. We use direct implementation tribal cooperative agreement (DITCAs). We currently have five total, one with MI – Intertribal Consortium of Michigan Tribes, one with WI tribe – Oneida, and four with tribes in MN – Mille Lacs, Red Lake, White Earth and Leech Lake. We aim to have each DITCA develop a tribal person who gets federal credentials as an UST inspectors. When they are credentialed they: a) provide compliance assistance to all UST facilities within exterior boundaries of the reservation (tribally owned or on fee land) and b) conduct inspections on their reservations and provide documentation to R5 enforcement officers to decide follow-up.
- 6) Several federally credentialed inspectors are going outside of their reservation to conduct compliance assistance and inspections. We are encouraging more of this so that more facilities get compliance assistance.
- 7) We currently have three inspectors that primarily do work in Indian Country but more of the staff are expanding their work into Indian Country.

LUST Cleanup

- 1) Region 5 has 71 confirmed releases leaking underground storage tanks in Indian Country.
- 2) 13 tribes have open LUSTs (several tribes have LUSTs that have been completed). The majority of the LUST sites (51) are in Saginaw Chippewa Isabella Reservation. Keweenaw Bay has 4 and White Earth has 3. Seven tribes have 1-2 LUSTs.
- 3) Funding and staffing are limited on cleanup work. Region 5 is focusing its cleanup efforts on these LUST sites that present the most risk to human health and the environment. Right now, there are 5 sites that we anticipate spending federal trust fund money on (Tower Standard – Lac du Flambeau, Preston’s – Red Lake, Boivin – Menominee, Rosebush – Saginaw Chippewa, and Chief’s Place – White Earth. We do some work with active responsible parties.
- 4) Region 5 is spending a lot of our resources (staff and money) on the Tower Standard site. We should probably have a separate briefing on this site and EPA’s activities on it.

Successes

- 1) We believe our five DITCA agreements and the use of federally credentialed tribal inspectors to conduct compliance assistance and inspections is efficient.
- 2) We think compliance assistance and increased federal presence over the last several inspection cycles (6 years) has improved compliance.

Challenges

- 1) There are many compliance challenges in Indian Country just like there are with small businesses outside of Indian Country and in remote areas. It is difficult to make great progress quickly.
- 2) Many of the LUST sites are stagnant for many years and will likely require extensive enforcement to get cleaned up.
- 3) Many sites get abandoned without proper closure. These too, will require extensive enforcement to get properly closed. They may end up being LUST sites.

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Subject: Need Program Updates for JULY RIWG MEETING

Hi Everybody,

I talked to Daniel Samardzich about the presentations and he said that he expects the meeting to be very informal so you don't have to create any powerpoints or graphics for the presentations. I recommend providing a quick overview of your Program and mainly focusing on how you are implementing your Program with the tribes, including any recent successes and issues. You should expect about 5 minutes for your presentation.

The RIWG meeting is 7/14, so please put together a brief write-up of what you are going to present at the meeting and send it to me by Tues., 7/12. I don't think it matters if a manager or staff person presents the update, that's up to each program, but if a staff member is giving the presentation, remember to get your manager's approval of your write-up by the 12th.

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I didn't get the impression that this was supposed to be an actual presentation. Can we get clarification on that?

The meeting is 1 ½ hrs and includes summaries of seven R5 Divisions and Offices, as well as some other agenda items.

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How many minutes per presentation?



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Branch Chiefs,

The new Tribal and International Affairs Office (TIAO) Director (Anthony Greenwater) will be attending the July 14, 2016 RIWG meeting. He has asked all EPA employees that work with tribes to attend the meeting to provide him with a brief summary on their program.

I've checked with Allen, and there is no particular LCD protocol for this type of briefing unless your staff plans to present a power point or include graphics in their presentation. The presentations should be reviewed and approved by you. These presentations are intended to be informal and very brief.

Please inform your staff of this request. The meeting is planned to begin at 2:00pm.

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